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1. INDEPENDENT DAILY ITTEFAQ INTERVIEW OF MRS. GANDHI BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT HASAN SHAHRIAR IN OCTOBER 27 ISSUE. EXCERPTS RELATED TO U.S. FOLLOW.

2. NOTING BHUTTO THREAT TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS UNLESS U.S. SUPPLIES THEM TO PAKISTAN, SHE SAID THIS IS CONTRADICTORY TO HIS PROPOSAL FOR CREATING NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA.

3. ASKED IF U. S. AID TO INDIA EXCEEDS SOVIET AID, MRS. GANDHI SAID SOVIET UNION IS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO PROJECTS FOR WHICH U.S. REFUSED TO PROVIDE AID EARLIER. SAID IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO COMPARE TOTALS OF U.S. AND SOVIET AID, BUT THAT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF INDIA IS ESSENTIAL.

4. SHE SAID INDIA'S FRIENDSHIP WITH SOVIET UNION IS NOT AIMED AT U.S, CHINA OR ANYBODY ELSE.

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5. ASKED IF CIA INTERFERING IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF INDIA, MRS. GANDHI SAID WE COME TO KNOW ABOUT CIA ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES FROM AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, NEWSMAGAZINES AND BOOKS. NOTWITHSTANDING

THIS WE ARE TRYING TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH U.S.
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